Operation of small aircrafts

2854. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA:
SHRI R.K. ANAND:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to induct small jet engine aircrafts in Indian Airlines, Alliance Air and Air India to operate between smaller and less economical routes like North-Eastern States and Andaman and Nicobar and Lakshadweep, Islands, etc.;

(b) if so, whether any committee has been formed for the purchase of small aircrafts;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government feel that it would be feasible and economical to operate small but good jet engine aircrafts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) Air India has no plans to operate on domestic sector. Airline Allied Services Limited (AASL), a subsidiary of Indian Airlines, has already inducted 4 ATR-42-320 (turbo prop-48 seater) aircraft on dry lease basis for a period of 5 years for improving air connectivity in the North-Eastern Region with financial assistance from North-Eastern Council (NEC).

(b) to (d) No, Sir. A Committee has, however, been constituted to study and identify routes/aircraft for enhancing regional connectivity on non-metro routes within the country.

Rajkot-Delhi Air Service

2855. SHRI LALIT BHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

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